

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

01/29/2021 Gulf COVID19 Update

Gulf Snapshot: 01/15/21 - 01/28/21

Positivity during this timeframe: 16%*

Positive tests this timeframe: 137

Total tests this timeframe: 880

*Positivity = the number of people who test positive in a week divided by all the people tested that week.

Totals Since the Beginning:

Residents who received COVID-19 vaccination: 1,587

Positive long term care (staff and residents): 127

Overall hospitalizations: 82

State Positivity: 14%
(as of 01/28/21)

Median Age in
Gulf: 50

Here are the Gulf County testing numbers as of 2:00pm today: (see above)

For the full county COVID-19 profile report please visit:

http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/partners/covid19_report_archive/cases-monitoring-and-pui-information/county-report/county_reports_latest.pdf

Available hospital bed capacity, including ICU capacity in neighboring counties, can be found using this link.

<https://bi.ahca.myflorida.com/t/ABICC/views/Public/HospitalBedsCounty?isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y>

For Gulf County COVID-19 updates straight to your phone: **text GULFCOVID to 888777.**

Florida Department of Health in Gulf County: (850) 227-1276

Florida Department of Health in Franklin County: 850-653-2111

There is also a hotline available at 1 (866) 779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Follow the [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) website for the latest guidance on COVID-19 and check out [Floridahealth.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov) to keep up with state-specific updates.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN TODAY'S UPDATE:

- Gulf County COVID-19 Profile Report 01/28/2021. (See link on page 1)
- Updated County Health Department Message (A Message From Your CHD, page 2)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vaccine Update. Our goal is to continue to support our communities and keep our residents healthy. To date, there are 1,207 Franklin and 1,587 Gulf residents who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. We know many residents are still waiting for their vaccine appointment. We understand this is a stressful time, but we will get to you just as soon as we can and appreciate your patience. In the meantime, please continue to follow the CDC guidance: wear a mask when unable to safely social distance, keep hands clean, stay home when sick, and avoid large crowds.

We are aware of the statewide pre-registration system, however we will continue using our locally developed pre-registration system at this time. Please call us if you have questions. You can reach us in Franklin County at (850) 653-2111 or in Gulf County at (850) 227-7587.

Positivity Trends. Positivity trends are going down, we would like to see this get back under 10% again. Keep follow the CDC guidance and we are going to get through this.

Quarantine. If you are waiting on your COVID-19 test results, please STAY HOME. Do not go to work or other places that could expose others. While we are trying really hard to keep students in school, if your child(ren) have pending test results, please keep them home while you WAIT for those results. Sending students to school when they are positive could result in more students having to quarantine and miss school.

LOCAL UPDATES: **PLEDGE TO PROTECT**



Pledge to Protect is a voluntary program in which Gulf County tourism businesses commit to clean and healthy standards for their guests and employees to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

By taking the Pledge to Protect, businesses are committing to:

- Proper Use of Personal Protective Equipment
- Routine Cleaning and Disinfecting of Surfaces and Equipment
- Practicing Social Distancing and Minimized Contact
- Enforcing Any Sick Employees to Stay Home

Special thanks to the Gulf County Tourism Development Council for the creation of the logo, webpage and incentive promotion design and support. This project has been approved by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

GOVERNOR'S UPDATES:

To see all of Gov. DeSantis Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, visit: <https://www.flgov.com/covid-19/>.

STAYING INFORMED:

To get the latest information, visit [FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.flgov.com/covid-19/) and follow on Social Media:

Florida Department of Health: [Twitter @HealthyFla](#) -or- [Facebook Florida Department of Health \(DOH\)](#)

Gulf/Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners: [Facebook Gulf/Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners](#)